

Spring Programs 2005

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NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

PRESERVE

A Series of Lectures, Workshops and Tours for the Community

*Longfellow Carriage House, 6:30-8 pm, 105 Brattle Street, Cambridge
Donations suggested, reservations required by calling 617-876-4491*



THURSDAY, MAY 5

*Caring for your Family's Documents, Works
on Paper and Photographs: Ask an Expert*
Illustrated talk by Christopher Sokolowski,
Northeast Document Conservation Center.

Many family treasures are paper-based and therefore among the most fragile of heirlooms. Learn how to care for documents, books, prints, drawings, scrapbooks, and photographs so that future generations may study and enjoy them. Proper storage, handling, and display of works on paper will be discussed, along with the techniques and technologies that paper conservators use to treat deterioration or damage. You are invited to bring one paper-based item to be assessed by the conservator.

THURSDAY, MAY 12

*People and Other Pests: Agents
of Destruction (Caring for
Your Precious Possessions)*

Illustrated talk by Brigid Sullivan Lopez, nationally recognized expert and chief conservator, Collections Conservation Branch, Northeast Museum Services Center, National Park Service. Learn about the proper care of furniture, ceramics, textiles, and works of art: what you should and shouldn't do and when it's time to call in the professionals! Come with specific questions you may have for discussion following the talk.

THURSDAY, MAY 19

Historic Preservation and Your Home:

The Resources of the Cambridge Historical Commission

Illustrated talk by Cambridge Historical Commission staff. Find out how to research the history of your home using maps, land records and photographs found at the CHC, which maintains an extensive archive on every house in Cambridge. Case studies included. *Information: 617-349-4683 or www.cambridgehistory.org*



THURSDAY, MAY 26

*Treasures in the Attic: Discovery,
Preservation and Recovery of the
Longfellow-Thorp Glass Plate
Negative Collection*

Illustrated talk by Holly Hendricks, independent curator. See for the first time images from an extraordinary historic photograph collection discovered in 2002 in the Brattle Street home once belonging to Annie L. Thorp, Henry Longfellow's daughter. Now preserved and printed, these 450 glass plate negatives provide a fascinating glimpse into Thorp family life in Cambridge, vacations on the New England coast, and trips to the Deep South during the late 19th and early 20th centuries.



BEHIND THE SCENES!

Free, by reservations only

Longfellow National Historic Site

— Tour of historic rooms, archives, and collections, featuring the results of recent preservation work on collections, house and carriage house. Offered every Wednesday in May, 6 to 7 pm. *Information: 617-876-4491 or www.nps.gov/long*

Cambridge Historical

Commission — Tours: Lower Common Neighborhood, May 15, 1-3 pm; Half Crown and Marsh Districts Gardens, May 22, 1-4 pm; Exploring the CHC Archives, May 23, 5 and 6:30 pm. *Information: 617-349-4683 or www.cambridgehistory.org*

Cambridge Historical Society

— Celebrating its 100th year with a fundraising event and birthday party on May 15 at the former NECCO factory in East Cambridge. *Information: www.cambridgehistory.org for details and to learn about special events, programs, and house tours.*

Friends of Mount Auburn

Cemetery — Lecture on history and conservation of stained glass presented by Virginia Raguin at historic Bigelow Chapel, May 17, 5:30 pm. *May tour information: 617-607-1981 or www.mountauburn.org.*



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Longfellow National Historic Site, National Park Service

Longfellow National Historic Site at 105 Brattle Street in Cambridge joined the national park system in 1972. Its many layers of history, distinguished architecture, gardens and grounds, and extensive museum collections represent the birth and flowering of our nation and are a continuing source of inspiration for school children and scholars alike. The Vassall-Craigie-Longfellow House most notably served as headquarters for General George Washington in the early months of the Revolutionary War, July 1775 to April 1776. It was later the home of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, one of America's foremost poets and scholars, and his family from 1837 to 1950.

Friends of the Longfellow House

The Friends of the Longfellow House is a not-for-profit voluntary group established in 1996 to work cooperatively with the Park Service to benefit and support the Longfellow National Historic Site. The Friends promote scholarly access to collections, publications that illuminate site history, interpretive and educational visitor programs, and advocacy for the highest quality preservation and care of buildings, grounds, and collections.

Historic Cambridge Collaborative

The Historic Cambridge Collaborative, founded in 1998, is an informal group of not-for-profit historical and educational Cambridge institutions whose mission is to foster cooperation in developing educational programs that promote an appreciation of Cambridge history. Members include the Cambridge African-American Heritage Trail Committee, Cambridge Historical Commission, Cambridge Historical Society, Longfellow National Historic Site, and Mount Auburn Cemetery.

Northeast Document Conservation Center

The Northeast Document Conservation Center (NEDCC) is the largest not-for-profit, regional conservation center in the United States. Its mission is to improve the preservation programs of libraries, archives, museums, and other historical and cultural organizations; to provide the highest quality services to institutions that cannot afford in-house conservation facilities or that require specialized expertise; and to provide leadership to the preservation field.

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